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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] relief of the AAA troops stationed at the ammunition depot of Toeplitz on 28 February 1952. On 28 February 1952, Unit [redacted] in Mittenwalde (N 53/Z 92) received a shipment of 10 boxcars with troops and equipment and 2 flatcars with 3 artillery pieces and 13 trucks from Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33). [redacted]

[redacted] shipment which was dispatched from Mittenwalde to Fuerstenwalde on 28 February consisted of 5 boxcars with troops and equipment, and 11 flatcars with 4 artillery pieces and 7 trucks. Another shipment dispatched [redacted]

[redacted] from Mittenwalde to Jueterbog (N 52/E 69) - Altes Lager on 29 February consisted of 5 boxcars with troops and equipment and 11 flatcars with 4 artillery pieces and 6 trucks. (1) 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

2. A troop train which arrived at the Wustermark railroad station from an easterly direction on 29 February consisted of about 50 cars, including 10 boxcars with troops and billeting equipment, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 22 artillery pieces, 2 rocket launchers, 1 field kitchen and trucks [redacted]

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3. Eighteen artillery pieces of about 120-mm were seen firing about 4 km south of Staats at 8 a.m. on 4 March. Bus [redacted] with antenna stood behind the artillery pieces. The guns were seen being towed toward Staats at 11:15 p.m. by caterpillar tractors [redacted]

About 70 young soldiers with suitcases and cardboard packages arrived at the Stendal (N 53/Y 85) railroad station from the direction of Magdeburg on 3 March and were picked up by several trucks [redacted] 50X1-HUM

4. A train which arrived at the main railroad station of Jueterbog at 10 a.m. on 4 Mar carried T-34/85 tank [redacted] 2 x 160-mm mortars, 4 trucks with 3 trailers [redacted] The train continued southwards at 12:15 p.m. (4) 50X1-HUM

5. Major advance parties from the military posts of Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67), Bernau (N 53/Z 96) and Prenzlau (N 54/Q 14) arrived in the Templin (N 54/U 51) training area prior to 5 March. (5)

Comments

(1)The information explains the entraining of AAA units in Fuerstenwalde on 27

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February 1952; the passage of a train with AA troops through Frankfurt/Oder toward Beeskow on the same day; and the observation in Jüterbog of a train without engine that carried an AAA component of an unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army on 1 March 1952.

- (2) The trucks belong to the 9th Gds Tank Div, including the 33d Gds Ltz Rifle Regt from Pasewalk, and to the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the Second Gds Mecz Army in Schoenwalde. The two rocket launchers probably also belonged to the latter regiment. The component of the 9th Gds Tank Div was probably identical with the one which went from Pasewalk to Jüterbog via Neustrelitz on 25 and 26 February on the train

which was returning to its post on 29 February 1952. The rocket launchers were probably unloaded at the Velten railroad station.

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10 of the 22 artillery pieces mentioned in the present report were 152-mm field howitzers of model 1943, while the other guns may have been heavy and medium AT guns.

- (3) The assignment of the artillery pieces cannot be definitely established. The unit concerned is believed to have been a component of the 693d How Artv Regt of the 207th Ltz Rifle Div from Stendal

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- (4) The trucks belong to the 9th Mecz Div from Cottbus.

- (5) Reports from Weimar also contained vague indications that advance parties of the troop units stationed there may have left the post during the first days of March 1952.

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